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SUBJECT: ICRC DIFFICULTIES IN CHILE

1. TWO ICRC DELEGATES CALLED ON MISSION TO INFORM OF INCREASING DIFFICULTIES WHICH ICRC EXPERIENCING IN CHILE TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION. SINCE LAST FALL SECURITY FORCES HAVE PLACED TECHNICAL OBSTACLES IN WAY OF VISITS TO PRISONERS, PRIVACY OF INTERVIEWS AND OBTAINING LISTS OF NAMES OR WHEREABOUTS OF KNOWN DETAINEES.

2. THE MOST RECENT AND ALSO MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS THAT OF "INCOMMUNICADOS." ICRC VISITS FROM 3 OT 4 THOUSAND PRISONERS IN ABOUT 75 PLACES OF DETENTION. INSOME OF THE PRISONS CERTAIN BUILDINGS NOW DECLARED OFF LIMITS TO ICRC AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DETENTION CAMPS TO WHICH DELEGATES HAVE NO ACCESS AT ALL. EVEN IN CASES WHERE NAMES OF INCOMMUNICADOES ARE KNOWN TO ICRC, THEIR EXISTENCE IS DENIED BY CHILEAN SECURITY. ON 31 JANUARY 1975 PRESIDENT ICRC SENT LETTER TO GENERAL PINOCHET PROTESTING THESE OBSTACLES.

3. ICRC HAS FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION IN VIEW OF PRESS REPORTS THAT SECSTATE PLANNING TO VISIT CHILE SOON. ICRC HOPES THAT SECSTATE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INTERVENE WITH
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GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AT THAT OCCASION. IF TRIP NOT

FORTHCOMING SOON, ICRC WOULD APPRECIATE INTERVENTION OF
AMBASSADOR AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOC. DELEGATES EMPHASIZED
THAT INTERVENTION EVEN AT MINSTERIAL LEVEL WOULD NOT
INFLUENCE SECURITY PEOPLE.

4. FYI: ICRC HAS DISCUSSED INTERNALLY POSSIBILITY OF
WITHDRAWAL FROM CHILE IF IMPASSE NOT CLEARED UP SOON.
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